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FACTORIES AND WORKSHOPS MUST BE REGISTERED

State Labor Commissioner John P. McLaughlin draws attention to the fact that many industrial establishments throughout the state have become liable to a severe penalty because of their failure to comply with the Factory Registration law, passed at the last session of the legislature.

The law in question states that all factories, workshops, mills and other manufacturing establishments, in which five or more persons are employed, must register with the Bureau of Labor Statistics; such registration to take place on or before January 1, 1914. Failure to comply with the provisions of this act is a misdemeanor and is punishable by a fine of not to exceed \$200, or by imprisonment for not more than sixty days, or both such fine or imprisonment. The same penalty attaches to failure of new concerns to register within thirty days after commencement of business, and all changes in location must be filed within thirty days after such change.

It will be noted that not only are factories proper included within the scope of the act, but all manner of workshops, etc., whether operated as independent firms or simply as adjuncts of a retail, wholesale or other concern.

Commissioner McLaughlin recognizes that failure to comply on the part of many firms is due to the fact that they are unacquainted with the law, and consequently has granted a slight extension of time. However, steps should be taken at once to file the proper record. Blanks for this purpose may be obtained at the office of the Labor Commissioner, 948 Market street, San Francisco, or at the branch office, located 812 Higgins building, Los Angeles; 431 McNeese building, San Diego, and 100 Capitol building, Sacramento.

Southland Will Put on Glad Rags For 1915 Visitors

Los Angeles county will put on her gladsome togs for her visitors in 1915. The board of supervisors have voted to expend between \$10,000 and \$20,000 in preliminary preparations. Unemployed men are to be given the benefit of the county cleaning. They will have first claim on the jobs that will go with the planting of rose bushes, palms, cleaning roadsides and the like.

There was no dissenting voice when the proposition was put to a vote. A vote was taken only after the supervisors had discussed the situation with several of the committee appointed some time ago by Mayor Rose to start the ball rolling.

Motley H. Flint, president of the Los Angeles Convention league; Frank Wiggins, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce; H. Z. Osborne, former president of the Chamber, and F. J. Whitten, president of the city council, responded to a request by the supervisors for enlightenment. The proposition had been laid before the supervisors two weeks previously, as previously mentioned in the Herald.

Plan to Increase Taxes

The plan is to raise between \$300,000 and \$400,000 by taxation for beautification of this county and en-

tainment of visitors next year. This can be accomplished by increasing this year's county taxes 2 cents on every \$100 and next year's taxes 3 cents.

The city of Los Angeles will pay 65 per cent of this taxation and it is understood that it shall receive 65 per cent of the benefits. The work of beautifying highways will be carried on throughout the county, however. It is too late to plant trees, but it was argued that rose bushes and palms can be planted now and the highways and meadows otherwise beautified.

"The heavy property owner and merchants have been called on for contributions until they are weary. Hardly a day passes that a delegation of some sort does not go through the business district soliciting subscriptions for one thing or another. The only fair way to do would be to assess all property owners for this thing. It will be of lasting benefit to the whole county and to every property owner in the county."

The committee was assured that so far as the plan has gone it has the approval of the supervisors. They reserve the right to exercise their veto at any time. The expenditure of the fund proposed would be in the jurisdiction of the supervisors, and they will pass on every phase of the undertaking.

Educators Admit Too Many Subjects

Declaring that too many subjects are now required by the County Board of Education in its course of study, that some subjects are unnecessary, and that things impractical are being taught, supervisors of schools in Los Angeles county, at the State Normal School asserted that the county course of study should be simplified.

"Too much impractical arithmetic, an amount of literature impossible for children to read, and failure to give sufficient amount of time to teach geography satisfactorily were the general criticisms made."

J. J. Morgan of Covina voiced the sentiment of the body in stating that changes in the course of study should be made. He said:

"Some years ago the county course of study was cluttered with a number of unnecessary subjects. At that time an organization, of which I was president, brought before the county board a resolution asking for the elimination of twenty subjects. These were eliminated. Now all these subjects have been returned—and with many more."

Should Ask Simplification

"It is not the fault of the County Board of Education. We have at present the most efficient county board we have ever had. But they have had to insert many new subjects because of the growing demand for them. It is for us to ask for a simplification and that the course of studies be issued by July 1."

George C. Bush, member of the County Board of Education, declared it is in the judgment of the teachers to eliminate in their teachings those parts of subjects which they find is not as necessary as others.

"Two years ago, before I came on the County Board of Education," he said, "I thought that if I could only

Sidney A. Butler of the Board spoke in commendatory terms of the work done by Judge Hutton while presiding over the insanity court.

The supervisors at first thought the new psychopathic ward of the county hospital should be placed in operation before the request is granted.

lay my hands on the course of study for a short time I would certainly make many changes. When one feels the responsibility of the county board upon him, however, he is inclined to be more conservative and to make the course with a measuring eye.

"Because certain books are provided, does not mean that the teachers have to read through those books thoroughly. They can eliminate portions, judging which parts are the most important."

Things to Be Eliminated

Mr. Bush believes some things should be eliminated from the course of study. These are:

Indirect problems in fractions, manipulation of fractions requiring denominations higher than 16, obsolete tables and units of measure, cube root, true discount, partial payments, indirect problems in interest, foreign exchange, metric system, vocational arithmetic.

Supervisors who spoke favored the elimination of compulsory music, compulsory drawing and compulsory agriculture for girls and boys.

Mrs. Martha McClure said she could not see how the list of classics, including "The Great Stone Face," "Rip Van Winkle," "Cotter's Saturday Night," "Evangeline," "Enoch Arden" and others could be taught to pupils in one year successfully.

C. A. Langworthy of Redondo declared that the minimum number of essentials required by the County Board of Education should be decreased.

The clause for membership of the organization was extended to allow all superintendents, principals and supervisors outside of Los Angeles city to join the organization; others outside the city interested to join as associate members.

Judge Hutton asserted the hospital and the parole society will work as distinct branches of the court, and that parole officers will be necessary when the ward is in commission. He declared the parole work done by volunteers has not been as efficient as it will be under regularly commissioned officers.

ALL PARTNERS IN TOWN BUSINESS

A village, a town, a city, is a partnership. All of us here are in business together. Ownership of property is individual, but our prosperity as a whole is closely bound up in each other's interests.

If you have a house to rent, goods to sell, labor to sell, your success in getting a good price for such service depends on the prosperity of your neighbors. If they are doing well, they will pay fair prices, and as times go, these prices tend to rise.

On the other hand, if your neighbors are not succeeding, they will haggle for the last cent for your house, your goods, your labor. The prices for these services will tend to fall.

When you buy goods away from home, you work to reduce the prosperity of your neighbors. Thereby they become less able to do anything to help you, and you have failed to build up business ties with them, so that they feel no personal interest in you.

When you buy goods at home, you increase the prosperity of your neighbors. They are not merely better able thereby to help you along in return, but you have created business friendships that make them want to help you.

Buying at home pays!

Parole Officers for Insane Urged

Former Judge George H. Hutton has appealed to the board of supervisors to appoint a man and a woman parole officers of the insanity court. The request was referred to the hospital committee, which was instructed to report as speedily as possible.

Judge Hutton declared that in the name of humanity, to save many persons from being sent to the asylums for the insane, the supervisors ought to make the appointments at once. He declared the county will save money, as many fees now paid to experts can be done away with. Other members of the Psychopathic Parole Society were present.